

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The situation in my own city, Fort Collins, and state, Colorado, provide a good example of what happens when the air waves are dominated by too few sources. Clear Channel has control of the greatest part of the radio market in my local area and I have seen a drop in the diversity of programming as well as less interest in local concerns. I understand that a civil suit is currently being filed in Denver against Clear Channel's alleged monopolistic practices. I hope that you take situations like this into consideration as you continue your deliberations.